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MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM:

SUBJECT:

THE PRESIDENT  
HENRY A. KISSINGER  
INFORMATION ITEMS

NEW COSVN RESOLUTION CALLS FOR ATTACKS IN 1974-75 DRY SEASON:

A NEW COSVN RESOLUTION CALLS FOR MAJOR "COUNTER PACIFICATION" EFFORTS DURING THE 1974-75 DRY SEASON. THE FUNDAMENTAL GOALS OF THIS PLAN ARE TO KILL ONE-THIRD OF THE GVN'S MAIN FORCES; NEUTRALIZE ONE-HALF OF THE PSDF; LIBERATE THE BULK OF THE COUNTRYSIDE; OBTAIN RICE; INCREASE THE POPULATION UNDER VC CONTROL AND ISOLATE SAIGON. THE PLAN SAYS COSVN FORCES WILL STRIKE HARD NEAR SAIGON UTILIZING ITS THREE DIVISIONS PLUS ONE NEW DIVISION. ATTACKS ARE TO START IN DECEMBER. THE RESOLUTION NOTES THAT THE GVN HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY WEAKENED BY THE CUTS IN U.S. MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID, WHILE "SOCIALIST SUPPORT" FOR THE PARTY HAS BEEN "ABUNDANT." IT FURTHER STATES THAT THE SITUATION HAS TURNED IN THE PARTY'S FAVOR AND "WE NOW HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO LAUNCH A CAMPAIGN AND CAUSE HEAVY SETBACKS...WHICH WILL TOPPLE THE THIEU GOVERNMENT, FORCE THE ENEMY TO IMPLEMENT THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND SIGN A SECOND COMMUNIQUE THAT IS ADVANTAGEOUS TO US."

THE RESOLUTION EMPHASIZES THAT THIS CAMPAIGN IS DESIGNED TO INFLICT A SERIOUS -- BUT NOT TOTAL -- DEFEAT ON THE ARVN. THE STRATEGY WILL BE TO ATTACK ON A "WIDE FRONT" DURING THE FIRST FEW DAYS AND THEN TO CONCENTRATE ON THE "MOST VULNERABLE PLACES." THE ATTACKS AROUND SAIGON ARE PLANNED TO BE OF SUFFICIENT MAGNITUDE TO FORCE ARVN TO MOVE A DIVISION FROM THE DELTA TO MILITARY REGION 3. THIS NEW RESOLUTION CLEARLY CALLS FOR A SHARP INCREASE IN THE LEVEL OF FIGHTING IN SVN WITHIN A MONTH. WHILE ATTACKS MAY WELL BE HEAVY, THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY BELIEVES THEY WILL NOT APPROACH THE 1972 INTENSITY. HOWEVER, THE CIA STATION IN SAIGON NOTES THIS RESOLUTION IS SIMILAR TO DIRECTIVE 43 WHICH PRECEDED THE 1972 OFFENSIVE. OUR ESTIMATE IS THEY WILL AT LEAST TRY TO TAKE SOME DISTRICT CAPITALS AND AT LEAST ONE PROVINCE CAPITAL AROUND SAIGON. THEIR ULTIMATE INTENTIONS SEEMS TO BE TO INFLICT MILITARY

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DEFEATS ON ARVN WHICH ARE SERIOUS ENOUGH TO TOPPLE THIEU AND FORCE US TO MAKE POLITICAL CONCESSIONS. POLAND'S MILITARY LEADERS VISIT MOSCOW: MANY OF WARSAW'S TOP MILITARY LEADERS ARRIVED IN MOSCOW EARLY THIS WEEK, BUT THE REASON FOR THEIR VISIT IS UNCLEAR. POLISH DEFENSE MINISTER JARUZELSKI MET WITH SOVIET DEFENSE MINISTER GRECHKO ON MONDAY AND WITH GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV THE NEXT DAY. THE DELEGATION ALSO INCLUDES THREE OF POLAND'S FIVE DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTERS AND SEVEN RANKING OFFICERS. PRESS COVERAGE OF THE VISIT HAS BEEN SCANTY. TASS HAS REPORTED THAT "THERE WAS AN EXCHANGE OF OPINION ON QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND POLAND AND ALSO OF TOPICAL INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS." THE DELEGATION HAS SINCE TRAVELED TO KIEV AND TO THE CRIMEA.

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LATIN AMERICA SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA: ECUADOR'S PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ TOLD THE PRESS LAST WEEK THAT, IN VIEW OF THE FAILURE OF THE QUITO MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS TO VOTE AN END TO CUBAN SANCTIONS, HIS GOVERNMENT WILL NOT RESUME TIES WITH CUBA. HE ALSO CALLED FOR INTER-AMERICAN UNITY TO PRESERVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM.

[REDACTED] **VENEZUELA**  
WILL NOT TAKE ANY ACTION WITH REGARD TO CUBA IMMEDIATELY, BUT WILL, HOWEVER, RECOGNIZE CUBA NO LATER THAN NEXT MARCH. APPARENTLY THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT WOULD PREFER TO ACT IN CONCERT WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES IN REESTABLISHING TIES.

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KAISER AND JAMAICA REACH AGREEMENT: KAISER ALUMINUM AND THE JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT HAVE REACHED SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT ON ALL THE MAJOR ISSUES UNDER NEGOTIATION INCLUDING REVENUES, LAND, PARTICIPATION, AND EXPANSION. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE AGREEMENT AND OF EXPANSION PLANS UNDER A JOINT VENTURE ARRANGEMENT IS BEING MADE TODAY. FINAL DETAILS INVOLVED IN WRAPPING UP THE AGREEMENT MAY TAKE SEVERAL WEEKS. THE AGREEMENT GIVES JAMAICA 51 PERCENT OWNERSHIP AND RETURN OF ALL LANDS USED BY THE COMPANY, WITHOUT INCREASING COSTS TO THE COMPANY. IT GIVES KAISER THREE

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YEARS OF STABILITY BY FREEZING THE LEVY RATE AT THE CURRENT 71 PERCENT OF INGOT PRICE.

THE JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT HAS INDICATED IT WOULD BE PREPARED TO OFFER THE SAME PACKAGE DEAL TO ANY COMPANY OBTAINING 60 PERCENT OF ITS RAW MATERIALS IN JAMAICA (REYNOLDS, REVERE AND ANACONDA). IT IS UNCLEAR AT THIS POINT WHETHER THE OTHER COMPANIES WILL BE INTERESTED IN SUCH AN AGREEMENT BUT IF THEY SHOULD REACH SIMILAR AGREEMENTS, THE EFFECT WILL BE TO ISOLATE ALCOA AND ALCAN AND INCREASE PRESSURES ON THEM TO COME TO TERMS WITH THE JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT WHEN THEY BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS.

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